Just Transition: Good Work - for whom?

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Area
- 11.727 km²

Population
- 1.16 million

Economic Structure
- Energy and coal industry represent the prevailing sectors
  - Especially LEAG employing approx. 8,000
  - Numerous SMEs integrated in value added chains
- Other relevant industrial sectors: Steel and chemical industry as well as mechanical and plant engineering / vehicle manufacturing
Climate and energy policy

For centuries, atmospheric carbon dioxide had never been above this line

1880–2018
+1.41 °C
(über Landflächen)

Die Folgen:
▶ Verschiebung der Klimazonen
▶ Zunahme von Hitzewellen, Dürren und Waldbränden
▶ Vegetationsverlust und Artensterben
▶ verstärktes Auftauen von Permafrostböden
▶ zurückgehende Ernteerträge

Quelle: Weltklimarat IPCC
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## Levels of structural change

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- aim: development of references for the structural change process
- start work in June 2018 and finished work in January 2019
- 4 chairman (Platzeck, Tillich, Praetorius, Pofalla)
- office at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
- supported by the federal state government and the representative of the prime minister for the region of Lusatia
- 24 members from trade-, energy-, environment- associations, trade unions, sciences and the regions, for example:
Akers of Lusatia

35 municipal business development agencies

"Wirtschaftsregion Lausitz WRL"

"Innovationsregion Lausitz IRL"

6 counties

Civil society "Lausitzer Perspektiven"

Chambers, associations

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Implementation
Structural Development Act
- draft (27.08.2019) -

Skeleton law
Structural Development Act
40 billion euro until 2038

Basis law
„Investment law of the coal regions“
up to 700 Million euro per year

Structural aid based on the Constitutional law
(e.g. to suppress economic disparity)
25.8% Brandenburg
approx. 3,612 billion euro (until 2038)

„additional action by the federal government“
up to 1,3 billion euro per year

Priority projects and other projects
(e.g. infrastructure, research facilities)
approx. ca. 6.7 billion euro for Brandenburg (until 2038)
1. Creation and maintenance of jobs and training places in the assisted areas,

2. Diversification of the economic structure and improvement of the attractiveness of the business location in the assisted areas or

3. Realization of sustainability goals as part of the German Strategy.
District of Lusatia:

- **European model region for structural change**
  “Shaping the future proactively”

- **Central European transition area**
  “Creating new connections in the heart of Europe”

- **Innovative and efficient economic region**
  Improve the framework for industry, innovation, prosperity and employment

- **Modern and sustainable energy region**
  Use the extensive wealth of experience for future energy systems

- **Research, innovation, science and health care**
  Use the digital change and open new growth paths

- **Region with a high quality of life and cultural diversity**
  Highlight cultural, natural and tourism potential and strengthen regional identity
Energy:
- LEAG 2.0
- Network structure
- Renewable energy
- Storage technology
- Hydrothermal gasification
- Powerhouse development
- Research and development

Health:
- Model region
- Health campus
- Next generation hospital (digitalization)

Logistics:
- Construction of an combined traffic terminal with HUB-Function in Schwarzheide
- New silk road
- Investments into infrastructure (Autobahn)

Sciences/Education:
- Fraunhofer Institution for Energy Infrastructure and Geothermal Energy
- German Institution for Aviation and Astronautics Technologie for low carbon industry
Thank you very much for your attention!

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